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In re Application of
Symonds et al.
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), filed February 14, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the restriction requirement mailed June 30, 2004, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of one (1) month. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were timely obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on July 31, 2004. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed January 13, 2005.

Petitioner has met the requirements to revive the above-identified application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b).

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$2160.00 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on February 14, 2005 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account as authorized.

This matter is being referred to Technology Center 1600 for further examination on the merits.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3282.

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